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Kingston Harbor and Kingston in the Distance, from the Military College.

Whiskey or Sentinel Island, in the centre of the inside channel, near Fort Henry.

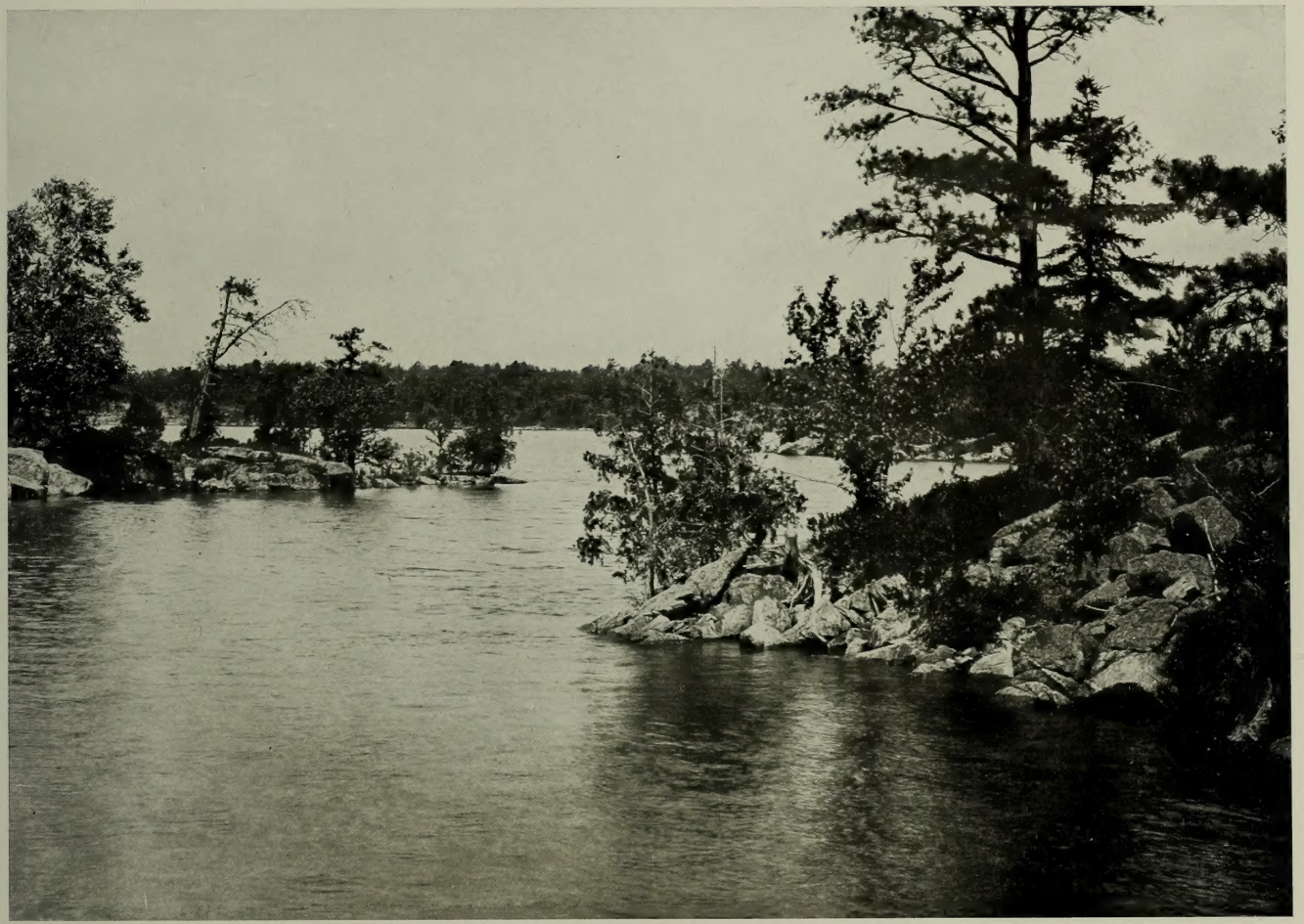
Sailing Race, getting Ready for a Start in Front of Gananoque

A Group of Islands in Front of Gananogue, Ont.—Gananoque is a bright, energetic, prosperous and healthy town of about ten thousand inhabitants, located on the main line of the Grand Trunk Railway System and the St. Lawrence River, in the midst of the most beautiful part of the Thousand Islands.

Steamer St. Lawrence on her Searchlight Excursion among the Islands.

A Group of Islands near Gananoque

One of the Annual Meetings of American Canoe Association at Hay Island, near Gananoque



In the Gananoque Group, near Blue Crane Island

Village of Thurso on Grindstone Island, Three Miles from Gananoque

A Group of Views near Gananoque

Crane Island, near Gananoque

The Manatauck, located on a high point three-fourths of a mile west of Clayton

A View in the Canadian Channel

The Hubbard House, Clayton, N. Y.—A first-class family hotel

Calumet Island, directly opposite Clayton, owned by Charles G. Emery

A Camping Party from Clayton on Prospect Point just across the Bay

Steamers Discharging Passengers at Clayton, N. Y.

Depot at Clayton, N. Y.—Clayton is the Thousand Island terminus of the New York Central Railway and the metropolis of the Thousand Islands. It is the distributing point for all island supplies, has two National banks, three good hotels, several first-class boarding houses, four churches, three telegraph offices, a good fire department, express and telephone service. A new system of sewerage and water works, the sanitary conditions are unsurpassed. Moderately equipped trains are run solid from all parts of the country over the New York Central tracks. Steamers arrive and depart from all island points, at least every half hour. There is no better fishing to be found on the river than at Clayton.

From the Palisades, near Thousand Island Park

Steamer St. Lawrence.—A very fast and popular boat of the Folger line

In Finley's Bay, on the Canadian Side

The New Frontenac Hotel and Annex, Round Island, has no superior on the St. Lawrence River, and we doubt if it has at any other resort. Money was not considered in its construction and equipment. The paramount wish of the proprietors was to make it first-class in every particular and equal to anything of the kind on the continent. How well they have succeeded the guests who patronize the hotel from year to year can testify.

The Twin Sisters.—The two floating palaces of the Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Company's fleet, the finest and best equipped steamers on the St. Lawrence. Their length is about 300 feet, beam 60 feet, speed from 17 to 20 miles an hour. They can each furnish sleeping accommodations for about 500 people. The dining rooms have each a seating capacity for over 100 people. The parlors, smoking rooms, refreshment and writing rooms and barber shop are all in elaborate panel work and finished in natural wood. The interior finish of the dining rooms, deck saloons, main halls, galleries and smoking rooms is extravagantly done in Oriental, Grecian, Franciscan and Elizabethan styles. The main staircases are in Honduras mahogany with wrought metal balustrades in hammered leaf work; the newal posts surmounted by bronze figures supporting electric torches. These palatial steamers compare favorably with the Fall River Line.

The Lotus, about Four Miles above Alexandria Bay

Murray Hill Park Hotel

The Columbian Hotel and Grounds, Thousand Island Park

Thousand Island Park Dock, five miles below Clayton, N. Y. It is the Chautauqua of the Thousand Islands and has a population of over ten thousand during the summer months. The Park is laid out in streets and avenues, has over six hundred beautiful cottages, a fine auditorium and one of the best conducted hotels on the river, also some very fine cottage hotels.

Looking into Eel Bay from the South between Thousand Island and Murray Hill Parks.

A Group of Islands in Front of Alexandria Bay

Bonnie Castle. -Summer residence of the late J. G. Holland, the great author. Now owned by George Boldt, also owner of Heart Island

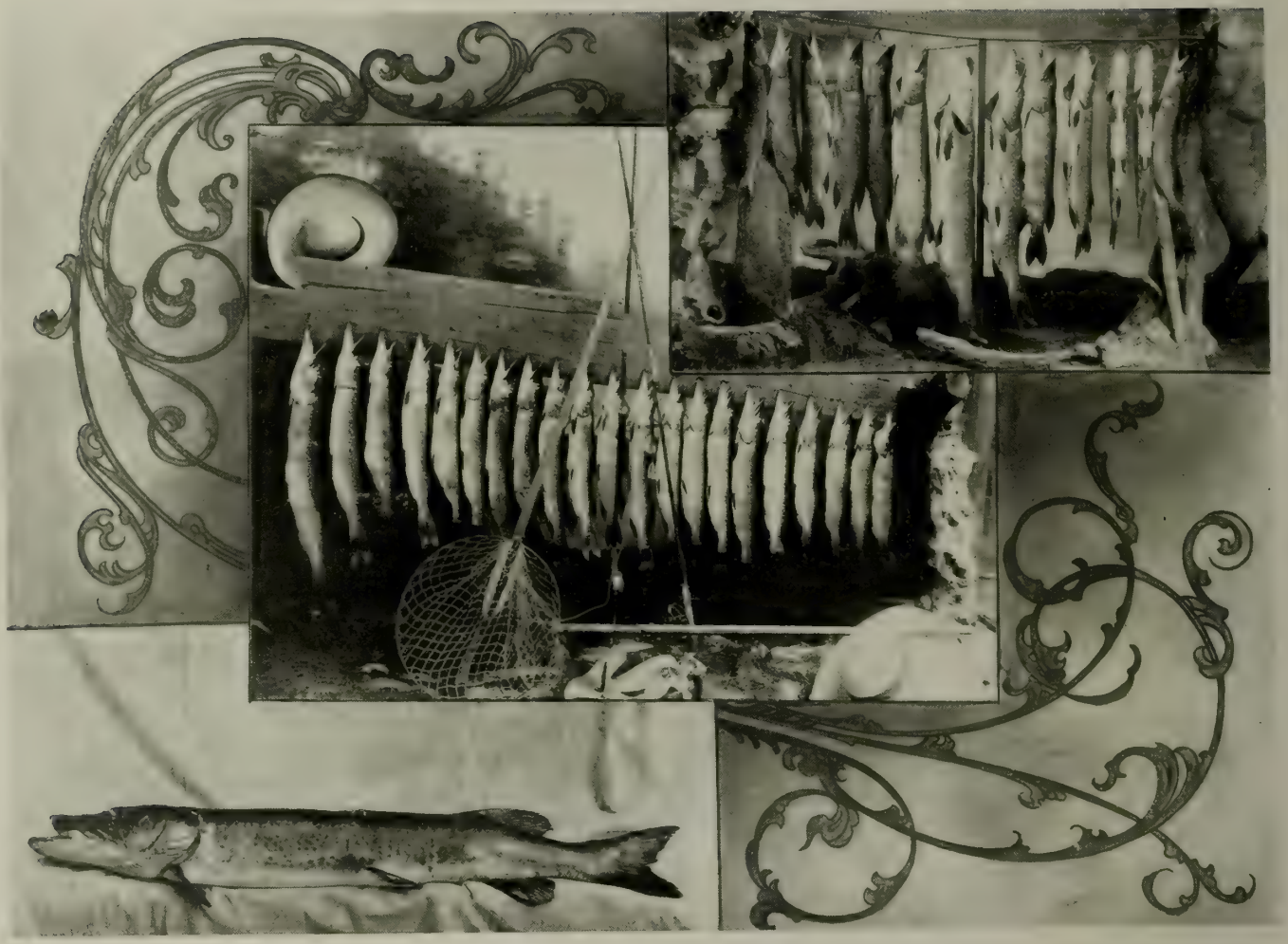
A View of Calumet, the summer home of Charles G. Emery, opposite Clayton, with the popular Excursion Yacht Ramona passing the island.

London's Bay, on the Canadian Side below Gananoque

The Rift.—Forming the upper passage into the Lake of the Islands and dividing line between Canada and the United States.

(PHOTO BY GEO. LAMSON)

Near the Head of Lost Channel



A Specimen of the Fish caught daily at Thousand Island Park

Entrance to the Rift

One of the Many Views in the Rift

Alexandria Bay is situated in the midst of the Thousand Islands. Here are located some of the finest islands of the entire group, nearly all of which have been taken and improved by some of the wealthiest and best men in the country. Expensive cottages have been built, the grounds laid out in beautiful beds of flowers and foliage plants, walls built along the shores and dotted with electric lights of all colors, electric designs consisting of harps, stars, crescents, hearts, flags, anchors, a full-rigged yacht, the occupant's name in full or his initials, and in many instances the name of the island, house or park. From the hotel veranda is seen the mirror-like surface of the water, multiplying and reflecting the lights on the shore like jewels in a royal diadem, giving the appearance of Fairyland and reminding you of the story of the Arabian Nights.

The Crossmon House, Alexandria Bay

In the Channel to Lake of the Islands

"St. Elmo," near Alexandria Bay, owned by N. W. Hunt, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Cottage of J. W. Jackson, Plainfield, N. J.

The Sentinel, Lower Entrance to Lake of the Islands

A Merry Fishing Party from Alexandria Bay

From the Head of Granite Island, Looking West

Entrance to Lily Bay

Lily Bay

In the Canadian Channel

A View from Welcome Island

A Camping Party near Alexandria Bay

A View of Heart Island and palatial summer residence of George Boldt, of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York City. There is not a spot on the St. Lawrence where so much money, muscle and brain have been expended to make it the most beautiful spot upon earth as upon this island. We have no way of estimating the exact amount expended, but we know it has run up into the millions.

The Boldt Tower Directly opposite Alexandria Bay on Heart Island—Also Power House and Bridge connecting it with the Island owned by George Boldt, of New York City.

Little Lehi from Sport Island

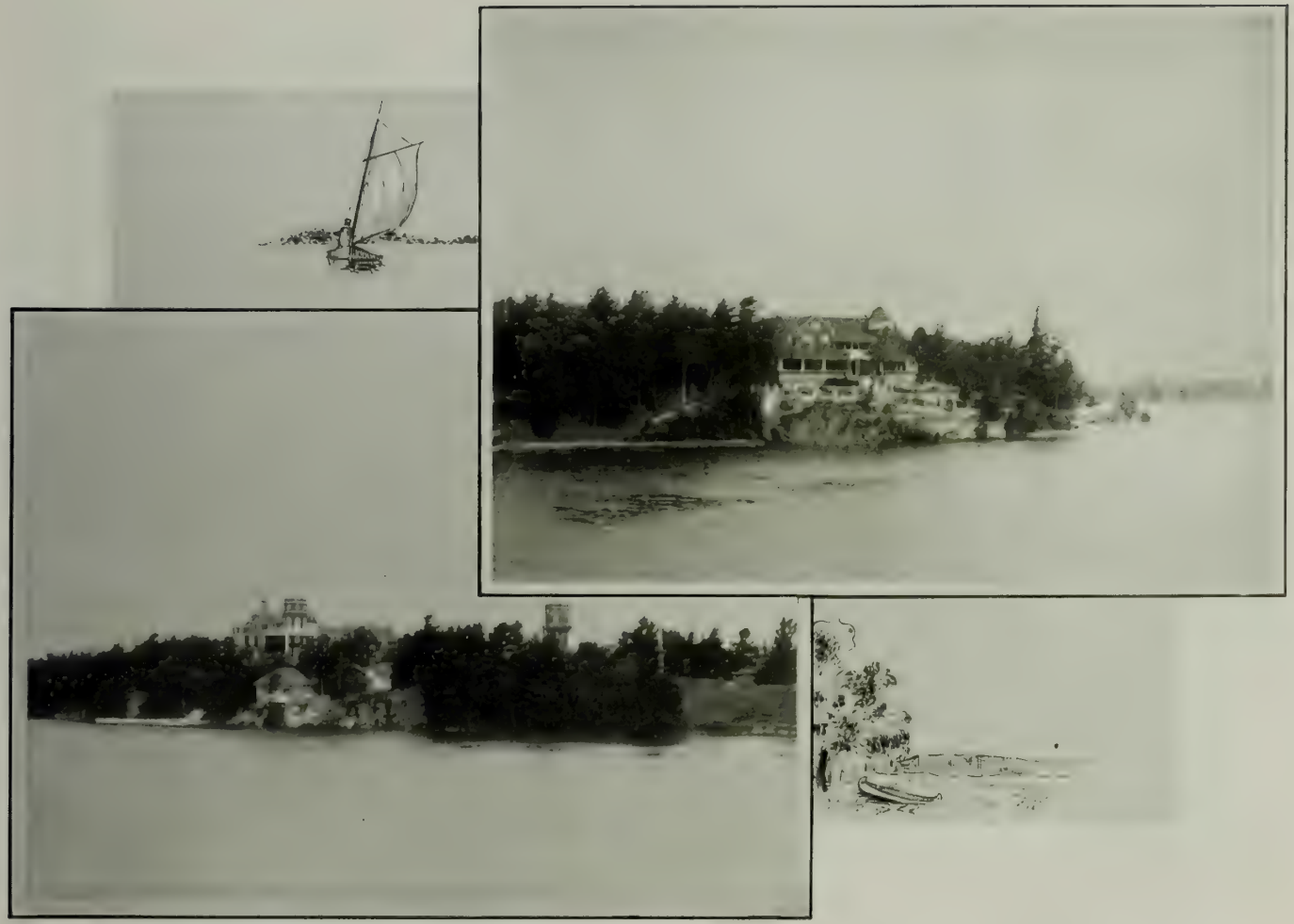
Looking East from Smoke Island

A View from Smoke Island in Canadian Channel, on the 50-Mile Trip of the Islands—By looking in different directions, forty-one islands can be counted from this point.

Thousand Island House, Alexandria Bay—an up-to-date View.

Upper Entrance to Lake of the Isles

Fiddler's Elbow, Canadian Channel



Cottage of Royal C. Vilas, Chicago, Ill.

Cottage of S. Stern, New York City

Looking South from Bald Rock

View in the Lost Channel—The capacity of this book might be taxed with attractive subjects in this bewildering channel, but we must give place to other localities.

In the Lost Channel

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Edgewood Park, like all other parks on the islands, is controlled by a corporation who own all public property. The ground is laid out in streets and avenues. The lots are leased to prospective cottagers under strict by-laws regarding hygiene, morality and good order.

The Twin Cottages on Cherry Island, owned respectively by Messrs. Nathan Straus and A. Abraham of New York City. These two cottages attract the attention of the tourists more than any other, perhaps on account of their similarity in construction and proximity to the steamboat channel. Cherry island is about one mile west of Alexandria Bay in the midst of the American Channel.

Hopewell Hall, built by W. C. Browning, New York City.—This is one of the most attractive cottages on the islands. The grounds are most elaborately decorated with flowers and foliage plants.

Castle Rest, built by the late Geo. M. Pullman of Palace Car fame, is one the oldest and best known cottages among the islands. Away back in the sixties Mr. Pullman bought a small island for a mere song and built a very unpretentious cottage. In 1872 he invited Generals Grant (then President) and Sherman to spend a week at the island as his guests. The invitation was accepted and gave the locality its first great boom as a summer resort. The old cottage has long since been torn down and the present grand structure erected in its place.

Interior View in Hopewell Cottage and Cottage Dining Room of Geo. Boldt—The interiors of many of the cottages are veritable palaces in point of furniture and fittings. We have selected two of the best from which others can be judged.

Interior Views of Hopewell Hall and Castle Rest

Looking West from Cottage Tower on Comfort Island, the Summer Home of A. E. Clark, of Chicago

View from Thousand Island House Tower, looking West

Sport Island, one of the first of the islands to be improved and occupied as a summer residence

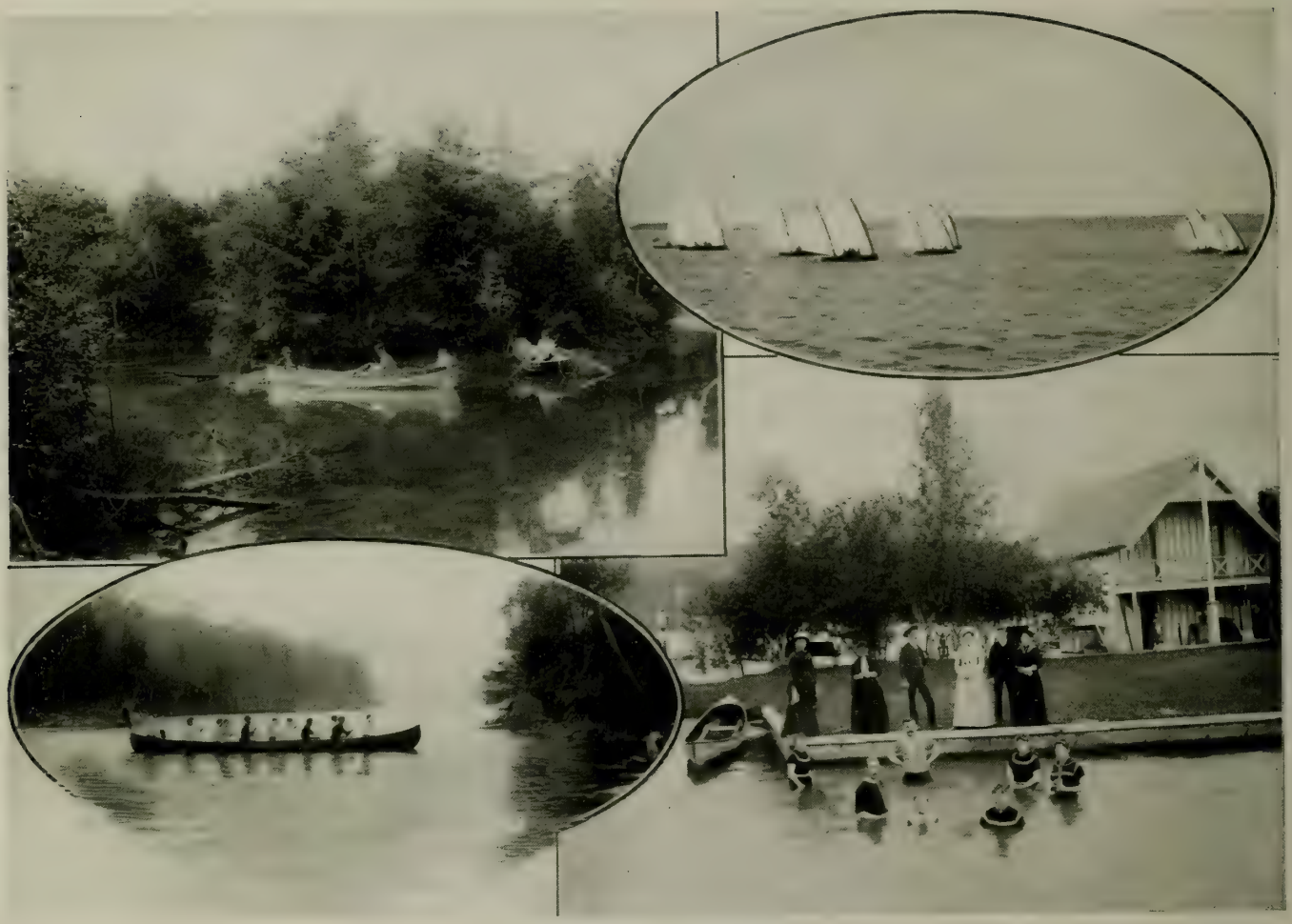
Fairyland near Alexandria Bay

Belle Isle below Alexandria Bay

In the Canadian Channel above Lockport

Oriental Island near Brockville

Swift Water Point near Brockville



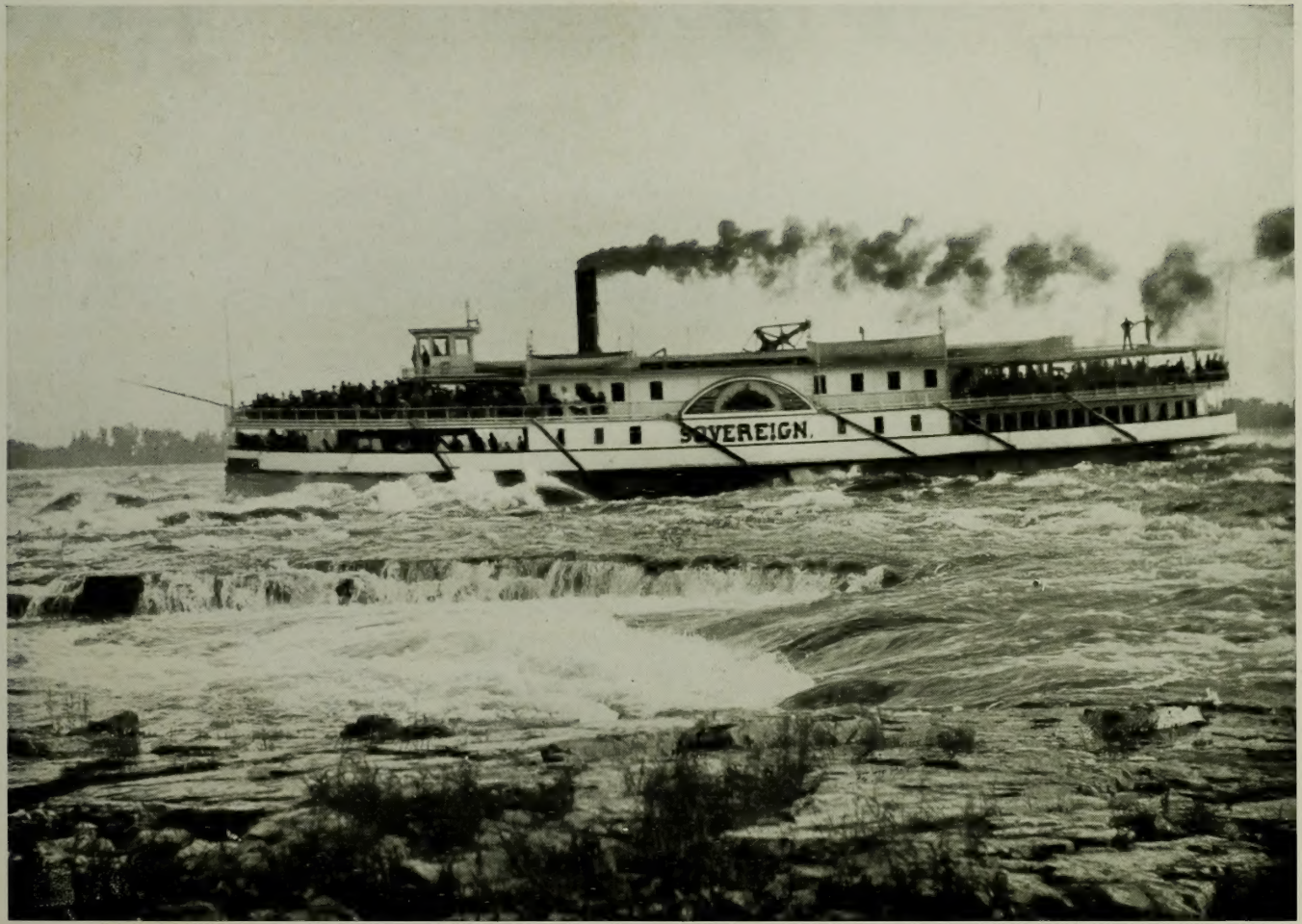
Boating and Bathing near Brockville (PHOTO BY MURRAY)

Landon's Rift, a Point on the Canadian Side Where All Boats Pass

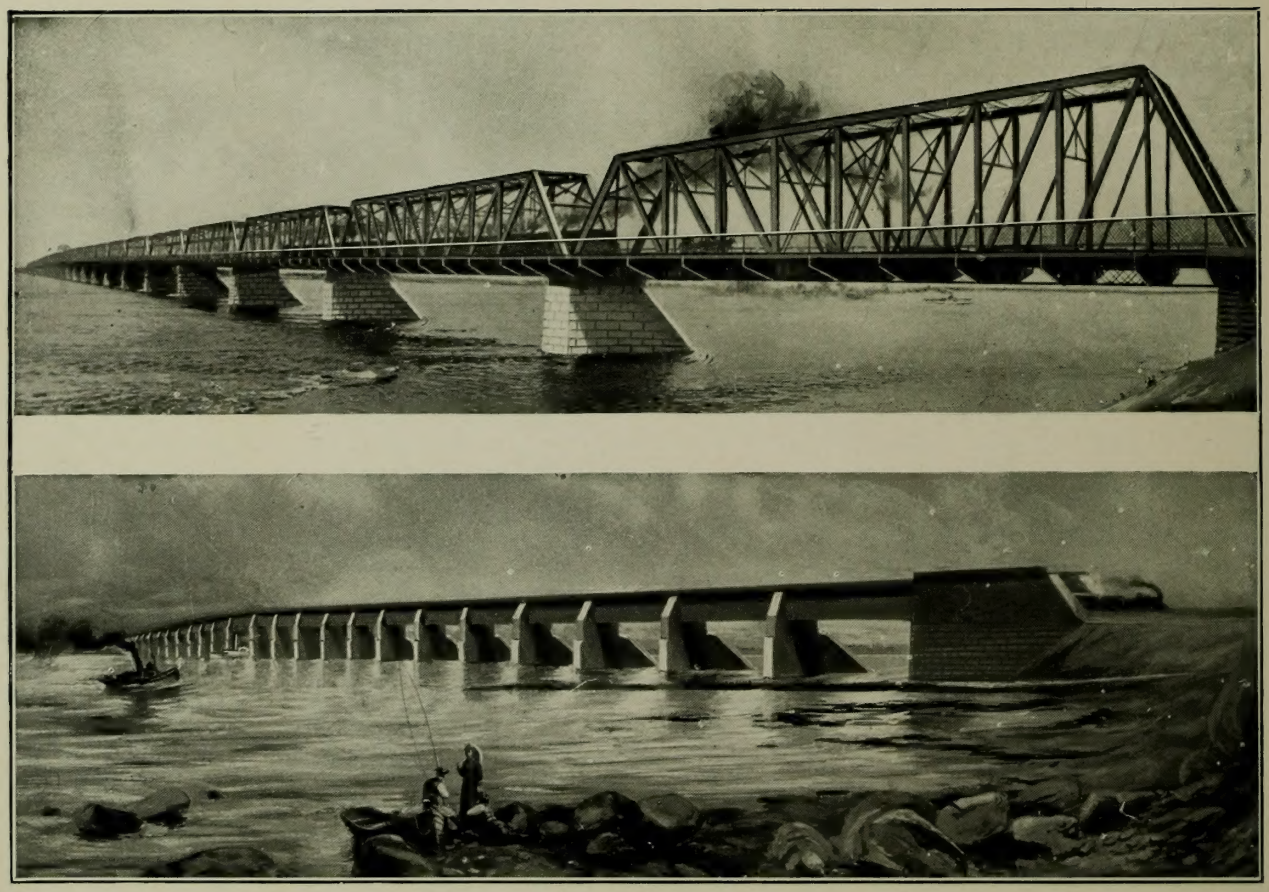
Along the Canadian Shore

The Old Wind Mill of Patriot War Fame, now a government lighthouse, stands on the river bank just below Prescot. This is where the so-called patriots rendezvoused in 1837, when they went to Canada from the United States to assist the Canadians in throwing off the yoke of English rule. To their great surprise the Canadians soon convinced the deluded patriots that they loved the yoke, and made short work of their would-be benefactors. Some of them were slain, others taken prisoners and served time in Vandemans land.

A Canoe going up the Lachine Rapids for the Purpose of Photographing the Steamer on her way down.—This is a very laborious and hazardous undertaking and only accomplished by superior strength and skill. It is with great reluctance the photographer starts out upon this mission, well knowing that it means a long day of hard labor, and when he gets to his destination has only a rock large enough to set his camera tripod on, upon which to stand and await the coming of the steamer.



Steamer in the Lachine Rapids.—Soon after passing under the Canadian Pacific Railroad Bridge the announcement is made that the steamer is about to enter the Lachine Rapids. The announcement seems to strike every passenger with awe, and with abated breath they rush for the bow deck to witness the passing of the most exciting, most celebrated and difficult to navigate of all the rapids. They are not kept long in suspense. A few minutes later the noble steamer is tranquilly passing under the great Victoria bridge and rounding up into the historic city of Montreal.



The New Victoria Jubilee Bridge, Reconstructed in 1899.
The Old Victoria Tubular Bridge, Opened in the Year 1860.

The old Victoria bridge was acknowledged to be one of the greatest feats of engineering skill known to the world. It was designed by the celebrated English engineer, Robert Stephenson. The upper view is the newly reconstructed bridge with all the old tubular work removed. This was designed and carried out by Mr. Hobson, the famous engineer of the Grand Trunk Railway. The old bridge cost $6,500,000 and the work of construction of the bridge as it now stands $1,500,000 more.